

## **Study LU1 (Land Use) – Overview of Land Ownership**

The State of California holds fee-title ownership to all State lands within the FERC boundary, and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) is considered the “controlling” Department for the construction, operation and maintenance of Oroville Division of the State Water Resources Development System on these lands. DWR has effectively transferred interest rights on substantial portions of project land to other State Departments (i.e., California Department of Parks and Recreation, California Department of Fish and Game) under an agreement for “transfer of control and possession”, a legal document that basically gives the receiving Department a specific right or interest to carry out specific terms of use that are not in conflict with DWR's underlying control of the lands for the State Water Resources Development System. Federal interests, which include Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and U.S. Forest Service (USFS), own the other public lands in the project area. No privately owned land exists within the FERC boundary.